to state the names of the top ten States which are economically advanced and their GDP in 1996-97; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): As per the quick estimates of 1995-96 compiled by Central Statistical organisation (CSO) at 1980-81 prices the top ten States having highest Per Capita Net State Domestic Product are Goa, Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh. As regards State GDP, the advance estimate figures for 1996-97 are available only for Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu which are Rs. 44881 crore and Rs. 74434 crore respectively at current prices.

Formulation of Government Planning

266. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's planning is formulated after taking into account the losses incurred by the States due to perennial nature of floods and droughts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) The States formulate their plans keeping in view their development requirements and the available resources. While assessing resources availability for plans, account is taken of the non-plan expenditure incurred by States on various items including those on measures to tackle floods and droughts.

Proposal for cut on MPLADS

267. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has received a letter from the Finance Minister to cut 5% from the allotment of Rupees one crore for implementation of MPLADS of each Member of Parliament;

(b) whether the Commission has agreed to that proposal without taking the opinion of Members of Parliament; and

(c) what is the main intention of the Finance Ministry behind the proposed cut?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) As the Central Budget 1997-98 has come under servere stress on account of post-budget developments, the Finance Ministry have advised all the Ministries/ Departments to thoroughly review their Plan & Non-Plan Budget to achieve at least 5% savings. As regards MPLADS, a final view has not been taken.

Loss of output due to poor infrastructure

268. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Pioneer dated 29th September, 1997 under the caption "Poor infrastructure causes 20% loss of output: PHD";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remove bottlenecks in power, transport and communications in the interest of production?